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First Named Inventor	Nicolaas Dekker
Original Patent Number	6,422,288
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Express Mail Label No.	EV 156 969 986 US

APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF:  
(Check applicable)

Utility Patent



Design Patent



Plant Patent

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56)  
*(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent format (*amended, if appropriate*)
4.  Drawing(s) (*proposed amendments, if appropriate*)
5.  Reissue Oath/Declaration (original or copy)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
6.  Power of Attorney
7. Original U.S. Patent currently assigned?  Yes  No  
*(If Yes, check applicable box(es))*
  - Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/SB/53)
  - 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement (PTO/SB/96)
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9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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    - i  CD-ROM (2 copies) or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii  paper
  - c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

10.  Statement of status and support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173 (c).
11.  Original U.S. Patent for surrender
  - Ribboned Original Patent Grant
  - Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
12.  Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119) (*if applicable*)
13.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
 

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14.  English Translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration (*if applicable*)
15.  Preliminary Amendment
16.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
*(Should be specifically itemized)*
17. Other: Offer to Surrender Patent

New Claims 24-34 are enclosed as  
part of Item No. 15

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**Claims as Filed - Part 1**

Claims in Patent		Number Filed in Reissue Application	(3) Number Extra	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity	
				Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
(A) 23	Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(j))	(B) 34	**** * 14 =	x \$ =	\$0	or x \$ 18 = x \$ 84 =	\$252 \$0
(C) 2	Independent claims (37 CFR 1.16(i))	(D) 3	* 0 =	x \$ =	\$0		
			Basic Fee (37 CFR			\$375	
			Total Filing Fee			\$375	\$1,002

**Claims as Amended - Part 2**

	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Extra Claims Present	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity	
					Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(j))	***	MINUS	**	*	x \$ 9 =	\$0	x \$ 18 =	\$0
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(i))	***		*****	=	x \$ 42 =	\$0	x \$ 84 =	\$0
			Total Additional Fee			\$0	OR	\$0

\* If the entry in (D) is less than the entry in (C), Write "0" in column 3.

\*\* If the "Highest Number of Total Claims Previously Paid For" is less than 20, Write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* After any cancellation of claims.

\*\*\*\* If "A" is greater than 20, use (B - A); if "A" is 20 or less, use (B - 20).

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.  
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following documents:

1. Reissue Patent Application Transmittal;
2. Reissue Application Fee Transmittal Form;
3. Application Data Sheet;
4. Specification, Claims and Drawings of U.S. Patent No. 6,422,288;
5. Six (6) drawing sheets;
6. Preliminary Amendment, including new claims 24-34;
7. Statement of Status and Support For All Changes to the Claims (37 CFR 1.173(c));
8. Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor (unexecuted);
9. Reissue Application: Consent of Assignee; Statement of Non-Assignment;
10. Reissue Application Declaration by Assignee;
11. Consent of Assignee With Offer to Surrender;
12. Submission Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 and 3.73(b) and Power of Attorney by Assignee;
13. Photocopy of Assignment from the inventors to Hunter Douglas Industries B.V.;
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**STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL CHANGES  
TO THE CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.173(c))**

Sir:

In the reissue application filed concurrently herewith, the status of the claims and support for the claim changes are as follows:

Claims 1-23 are the original claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,422,288, from which reissue is sought, and those claims remain unchanged and are currently pending.

Claims 24-34 are currently pending new claims being filed concurrently herewith in addition to claims 1-23 from the patent, and are currently pending. Support for these new claims can be found in Column 10, line 65 to Column 11, line 8 of the patent.

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If there are any questions concerning the changes made to the claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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